



August, 2014

Derrick Burgess

Village Trustee



Dear Neighbor,

As we begin our fall work at Village Hall, my goals remain the same. My top concern is to identify and find long-term solutions to the problems impacting our families, children and senior citizens.

Our Village has many challenges, but I am confident that by working together, we can find ways to improve the quality of life for our residents by encouraging homeownership, providing quality services and reducing the tax burden on homeowners. Hopefully, these actions will entice more families to invest in Sauk Village, which ultimately lead to increased property values throughout our community

I created the Sauk Village Intergovernmental Relations Committee to take on the intimidating task of navigating through the many layers of Federal, State and County Government to seek information and assistance for our residents.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about Village government or services. I hope you enjoy the remaining summer months with your family and loved ones.

*Sincerely,
Derrick N. Burgess,
Village Trustee*

Coming up...

- **August 19th– Village Board Committee-of-the-Whole Mtg 7pm**
- **August 26th– Village Board Meeting 7pm Village Hall**
- **September 2nd– Village Board Committee-of-the-Whole Vlg Hall**
- **September 9th– Village Board Meeting 7pm Village Hall**
- **September 11th. – Property Tax Appeal Outreach at Village Hall 6pm to 8pm**

WATER UPDATE

The village is under a legal order with the Illinois Attorney General to provide safe drinking water for its residents! The Village is in compliance with this order and is conducting ongoing tests to ensure there are no harmful levels of contaminants in the village's water supply. Keep in mind, that while the water drawn from the wells still shows the presence of Vi-



Well #3 Worksite near Roadway

nyl Chloride, a known carcinogen, none is reaching your home or local businesses because of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 2012 mandate to install "Emergency" air strippers.

Please know that the residents voted to bring Lake Michigan water to Sauk Village in March, 2012. With this referendum, the residents agreed to the significant water rate increases needed to pay

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for the infrastructure improvements required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in order to qualify for access to Lake Michigan Water. Since 2012, Sauk Village water rates have increased from \$3.50 per 1000 gallons to its current level of \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons; projected to exceed well over \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons in order to make the required improvements to our 58 year old water system. However, none of the water rate increases you have been paying have gone towards any provisions for Lake Michigan water. As your Village Trustee, I have been discussing Sauk Village's need for assistance with our Federal, State and County officials. Sauk Village has a written plan on file to transi-

tion to Lake Michigan water; however, none of the recommendations of that plan have been enacted other than to secure funding for the "Temporary" air strippers to remove the vinyl chloride. We have also used that funding to update our current Iron Removal System used to remove the heavy iron sediment out of the water.

With water rates projected at this level, Sauk Village will need all the outside assistance it can get to make the mandate of the people a reality.

My goal, as your Trustee, is to continue face time with our Federal, State and other local officials to secure a viable long term solution. Let's work together toward that goal!

Long awaited Jeffrey Ave repairs begin this week



Repairs on Jeffrey Avenue are beginning now and are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

The project is funded using Motor Fuel Tax not property tax dollars!

As many of you know Jeffrey Avenue from Sauk Trail to 217th Place has been like a mine field and it has never been quite right since it was installed in the 1970s.

Below is a breakdown of the Village's Water Fund Account from May 1st to July 31st

Water Fund

Beginning Fund Balance:	\$ 1,284,836.25
3 Months Revenues	\$ 170,405.71
3 Months Expenses:	
Wages	\$ 26,097.12
Overtime	\$ 1,498.07
IMRF-Retirement	\$ 6,148.14
Empl. Benefits	\$ 9,366.72
Vehicle Exp	\$ 945.76
Facility Main Sup	\$ 31.08
Operating Supplies	\$ 3,073.29
Tools & Equip.	\$ 882.00
Construction Supplies	\$ 5,625.54
Telephone	\$ 1,301.20
Utilities	\$ 6,157.94
Postage	\$ 688.89
Repair & Maint.	\$ 1,661.62
Prof. Develop	\$ 58.00
Prof Services	\$ 55.00
Intergov Svs	\$ 1,000.00
Rents & Leases	\$ 350.00
Total Expenses	\$ 64,940.37
Total Fund Surplus	\$ 105,465.34
FYTD Loans to General Fund	\$ 441,106.43
Account Balance 7/31/2014	\$ 1,007,647.16

**Are Your Property Taxes Too High?
Mark Your Calendar Sept 11th**

Trustee Derrick Burgess has been working with Cook County and Bloom Township officials to bring a Property Tax Appeal Outreach Session to the residents of Sauk Village.

He is pleased to announce that the Tax Appeal Outreach Session will be on September 11th at the Village Hall. Both agency representatives will explain the property tax appeal process and assist residents with completing the necessary forms.

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee is in the process of finalizing details for September 11th from 6pm to 8pm at Village Hall 21801 Torrence Avenue

Find the Intergovernmental Relation Committee on the web

www.svintergov.org